



BRIEFING: OCTOBER 2014 BOARD MEETING AGENDA ITEM #5

TO: Chairman Richard and Board Members

FROM: Michelle Boehm, Southern California Regional Director

DATE: October 14, 2014

RE: Consider Providing Approval to Issue a Request for Qualifications for Environmental/Engineering Services on the Palmdale to Burbank Project Section

Background

Pursuant to Board Resolution #HSRA 14-18, approved on June 3, 2014, staff seeks the Board's approval for the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) to procure environmental/engineering services for the Palmdale to Burbank section pursuant to the Board's policy on issuance of RFQ. The existing Regional Consultant (RC) contract for the Palmdale to Burbank section will expire on June 30, 2015.

Regional Consultants provide the professional services required for the preparation of the environmental documentation and preliminary engineering for all the sections of the high-speed rail program.

Discussion

The Palmdale to Burbank section was previously part of the Palmdale to Los Angeles section. At the June 2014 Board meeting, staff presented to the Board the formal division of the Palmdale to Los Angeles project section into the Palmdale to San Fernando Valley (Burbank Airport) project section and the San Fernando Valley (Burbank Airport) to Los Angeles section. Staff concluded that dividing the Palmdale to Los Angeles section into two sections would support more focused stakeholder and community outreach, streamline delivery of both sections, and accommodate the inherent complexities and coordination involved with the Los Angeles Union Station (LAUS) Master Plan, Southern California Regional Interconnector Project (SCRIP) and Los Angeles River Revitalization project.

The estimated value of the contract is \$56 million. The contract duration is expected to be five years. This contract amount is consistent with the overall cost projections contained in the 2014 Business Plan.

Since 2005, work that has been initiated and/or completed for the Palmdale to Los Angeles section, as part of a previous contract, includes the following:

- Scoping Report (completed)
- Purpose and Need Document (completed)
- Preliminary Engineering (on-going)
- Environmental Technical Studies (on-going)
- Supplemental Alternatives Analysis (completed)
- Public Outreach Activities/Agency Coordination (on-going)

The scope of environmental/engineering services to be procured includes:

- Completing the project-level Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement.
- Completing 15 percent Conceptual Engineering for environmental and completing Preliminary Engineering to support procurement.
- Supporting preparation of design-build or other form of contract documents.
- Supporting stakeholder and agency coordination consistent with the Authority's goals.
- Supporting the Authority on an as needed basis in station area planning, sustainability, private investment opportunities, phasing and implementation planning.

A more extensive statement of the proposed scope of services is included in the draft RFQ provided to the Board. The actual services the consultants will provide will be based on an annual work program and will be authorized and managed as specific tasks and deliverables.

Authority staff will manage the RFQ for environmental/engineering services consistent with the Board's policies and the State of California's competitive Architectural & Engineering procurement process and applicable codes and regulations. Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) will be technically evaluated by the Authority and other public employees pursuant to established criteria based on:

- Past Performance and Experience
- Team Organization, Key Personnel and Management Approach
- Understanding of Project Elements and Work
- Small Business Participation

This will be followed by oral discussions, final rankings of teams submitting SOQs, negotiation with the top ranked team and award of contract by this Board. The resulting contract for Palmdale to Burbank Environmental/Engineering Services will include the Board-adopted 30 percent participation goal under the Revised Small and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program for Professional Services Contracts.

Recommendation

Staff recommends that the Board approve the issuance of a Request for Qualifications to procure Environmental/Engineering Services for the Palmdale to Burbank section for an estimated contract value of \$56 million and a five year term.

Staff will issue the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) consistent with Board direction and return to the Board with a recommendation for award of a contract to the top ranked proposer.

Attachments

- Draft Request for Qualifications for Environmental/Engineering Services
- Draft Resolution #HSRA 14-31